

2014 Annual Retail Trade Survey

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Summary of Changes

The following changes were made with the release of the 2014 ARTS estimates:

- ARTS estimates were revised to reflect historical corrections to current sample data. Corrections are made to replace previously reported data with more accurate data received at a later date or to replace imputed data with reported data obtained from the company. For more information, refer to the Benchmarking section of the Annual Methodology link located below:
http://www.census.gov/retail/arts/how_surveys_are_collected.html
- ARTS estimates were revised to reflect benchmarking to final results of the 2012 Economic Census. Previously, estimates were benchmarked to preliminary results of the 2012 Economic Census. For more information, refer to the Benchmarking section of the Annual Methodology link located at:
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- Detailed expense estimates for 2012, collected as part of the Business Expenses Supplement (BES) to the 2012 ARTS, and corresponding measures of sampling variability were revised to reflect benchmarking to final results of the 2012 Economic Census.
- Estimated measures of sampling variability are now available for each data item for all years back to 2004 where applicable. A separate spreadsheet tab exists for each data item and displays coefficients of variation in descending order from left to right beginning with the most recent data year.

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